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S. 5190

To end the treatment of the People's Republic of China as a developing nation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 6, 2022

Mr. ROMNEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To end the treatment of the People's Republic of China as a developing nation.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ending China’s Devel-
5 oping Nation Status Act”.

6 SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.

7 It should be the policy of the United States—

8 (1) to refuse entering into any treaty in which
9 the People’s Republic of China—

10 (A) is labeled a developing nation; or

(B) receives the benefits of a developing nation under the terms of the treaty;

13 SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

14 In this Act:

22 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
23 the Secretary of State.

1 SEC. 4. REPORT ON THE LABELING OF THE PEOPLE'S RE-

2 PUBLIC OF CHINA'S DEVELOPMENT STATUS

3 IN CURRENT TREATY NEGOTIATIONS.

4 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to
6 the appropriate committees of Congress identifying all
7 current treaty negotiations in which—

14 SEC. 5. MECHANISMS FOR CHANGING DEVELOPMENT STA- 15 TUS.

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—In any international organization
17 of which the United States and the People's Republic of
18 China are both current members, the Secretary shall pur-
19 sue—

20 (1) changing the status of the People's Republic
21 of China from developing nation to developed nation
22 if a mechanism exists in such organization to make
23 such status change; or

24 (2) proposing the development of a mechanism
25 described in paragraph (1) to change the status of

1 the People's Republic of China in such organization
2 from developing nation to developed nation.

3 (b) WAIVER.—The President may waive the applica-
4 tion of paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a) with respect
5 to any international organization if the President notifies
6 the appropriate committees of Congress that such a waiver
7 is in the national interests of the United States.

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